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ABSTRACT

A detailed compilation of sources of data for the thermodynamic and transport properties of aqueous potassium hydroxide is presented. Data for all ranges of temperature, concentration and pressure are included.

Key words: Activity coefficients; aqueous; compilation; conductivity; enthalpy; electrolytes; Gibbs energy; osmotic coefficients; potassium hydroxide; solutions; thermodynamic properties; transport properties.

The purpose of this publication is to identify published sources which contain various types of experimental data for aqueous potassium hydroxide solutions. The principal thermodynamic properties considered herein are calorimetric heat capacity measurements, enthalpy of dilution measurements, enthalpy of solution measurements, vapor pressure measurements, isopiestic measurements, freezing point measurements and electromotive force measurements. There are also some review articles concerning the evaluation of osmotic and activity coefficients, and relative partial molal enthalpies and apparent molal neat capacities of KOH.

The need for reliable thermodynamic data for both the scientific and the industrial communities has increased greatly in recent years. Recently the National Battery Advisory Committee (1) recommended that sulfuric acid and potassium hydroxide data contained in the data base at the National Bureau of Standards be included in the data base at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory since these data are of interest to the battery industry. This data would be identified by NBS and would be evaluated for its quality. A bibliography on the properties of aqueous sulfuric acid has been prepared(2). The present report deals with KOH electrolytes since KOH is a major constituent in a number of battery systems.

This bibliography has been compiled in support of the project funded by the Division of Energy Storage Systems of the Department of Energy under order number EW 78-X-03-0509-A001. This publication is also a part of the continuing program for the compilation and critical evaluation of thermodynamic properties of electrolytes.

The bibliography was based upon a search of the following:

(1) files of the Chemical Thermodynamic and Electrolyte Data Centers at the National Bureau of Standards; (2) the computerized index to Chemical Abstracts from January of 1969 through January of 1981; (3) appropriate citations given in the papers mentioned above; and (4) two publications of the Electrolyte Data Center: "A Bibliography of Sources Leading to Activity or Osmotic Coefficients for Polyvalent Electrolytes in Aqueous Solution" (3) and "A Bibliography of Sources of Experimental Data Leading to Thermal Properties of Binary Aqueous Electrolyte Solutions" (4).

Titles of each article are provided to indicate the type of data in the article.

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